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The Honorable Members of the California Water Commission
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**Subject: Support for South Sacramento County Agriculture Recycled Water and
Conjunctive Use Program WSIP Application**

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority, I am writing in support of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's (Regional San) application to the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) for the South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and Conjunctive Use Program (South County Ag Program).

The South County Ag Program proposes to use tertiary-treated recycled water for irrigation of agricultural and habitat lands in lieu of pumped groundwater. Modeling indicates that the in-lieu groundwater recharge facilitated by this project will provide a 20-30 foot increase in groundwater elevation in the basin, and increase in-stream flows in the Cosumnes River, a tributary to the Delta.

As the entity responsible for managing groundwater in the South American Groundwater Subbasin, we are keenly aware of the importance of the tremendous value this project would provide for our region in terms of groundwater sustainability. In addition to the regional groundwater benefits, more specifically this multi-benefit project would provide a safe and reliable supply of tertiary treated water for agricultural uses, reduce groundwater pumping, support riparian habitat restoration efforts, and provide near-term benefits to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the region.

This multi-benefit project is consistent with the objectives and intent of Proposition 1, and provides substantial ecosystem benefits and regional water supply benefits. It is also an example of the type of innovative multi-benefit groundwater projects California needs to implement to ensure our state has a more sustainable and reliable water supply.

We appreciate the Commission's extensive work to develop and implement the WSIP program, and encourage you to fund this innovative project.

Sincerely,

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